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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 8 PERCENT BELOW 2004 LEVEL

March 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 8.8 million hundredweight, 8 percent below the March 1, 2004 level, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 2.6 million hundredweight, unchanged from 2004 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 6.2 million hundredweight, down 11 percent from 2004.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Region 1/	March 1, 2004		March 1, 2005	
	Stocks 2003 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2004 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks
	1,000 Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
MN Area 1	2,600	27	2,600	30
MN Area 2	7,000	73	6,200	70
State Total	9,600	100	8,800	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahanomen, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on March 1, 2004-2005 ¹

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004		
	Prod	Stocks Mar 1, 2004	Percent of Prod	Prod	Stocks Mar 1, 2005	Percent of Prod
	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent
CA	3,528	1,300	37	3,876	1,300	34
CO	23,652	10,700	45	23,148	11,100	48
ID	123,180	58,000	47	131,970	64,000	48
ME	17,030	8,900	52	19,220	9,400	49
MI	15,015	5,100	34	13,650	3,900	29
MN	22,330	9,600	43	18,920	8,800	47
MT	3,339	2,800	84	3,551	3,200	90
NE ²	9,744			9,288		
NY	6,510	700	11	5,184	700	14
ND	27,440	13,000	47	26,765	13,100	49
OH ²	1,097			1,080		
OR	20,991	11,000	52	19,775	9,000	46
PA	3,375	700	21	2,640	700	27
WA	93,150	29,500	32	93,810	29,000	31
WI	32,800	11,200	34	30,450	11,000	36
Other Sts		3,780			3,220	
15 Sts	403,181	166,280	41	403,327	168,420	42

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

² Combined into "Other States".